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DR. COOK'S RETIRACY.

There are two statements now be fore the country concerning Dr. Cook which in any case but this would either one by themselves be accepted as

His lawyer, Wellington Wack, says Dr. Cook has gone to Naples, in poor physical condition, for the purpose of guietness and rest, with a view of regaining his health.

Dr. Cook's brother on the other hand, declares that he is in New York in good health and hard at work upon is forthcoming book.

Dr. Cook, whether in the country of out of it, is saying nothing, and one would say in view of such statements was unfortunate in the character of

on the face of it like the weakest and most inconsistent faking the reading public has had imposed upon them.

Dr. Cook's papers have gone to Den-mark, and this outburst of scandal and pretended defence is resorted to for the purpose of destroying confidence in him and his story.

With Walter Wellman saying that such a story can easily be faked and

saying that it is beyond the power of any man to fake such a story, intelli-

The story of Dr. Cook will soon be in the hands of the Danish experts books are devoted to the game of foothe can succeed in fooling them. As Dr. Upton says: "Their verdict should be accepted by the world." The verdict can succeed in fooling them. As will not be long delayed, for if it takes them no longer to decide upon Cook's data than it did the American Geographical society to decide upon Peary's, the world will know early in the new year, if not before, whether Cook reached the North pole or

THE SHORTNESS OF WATER. Southern New England is today shorter of water than it has been try like this. within the memory of the oldest in-

There are farms in the suburbs of without a drop of water, and the city hydrants are supplying water for horses and farm stock in various directions; and farmers are driving their

cattle a long ways to water daily. This same condition of things extends clear into western Massachusetts, and, on December 1, several manufacturing plants at Springfield, Mass., including the United States arsenal, were obliged to suspend operations for the day, 5,000 persons were thrown out of employment, and the water supply of 45,000 residents, or more than half of the city's population, was shut off as the result of the water famine. For several weeks the supply in the Ludlow reservoir has been diminishing, and on December 1 there was not enough water in the reservoir to force its way through the mains. Some few manufacturing establishments were able to keep in operation by utilizing the supply of water in the sprinkler tanks on the

roofs of the buildings. Such supplies, however, would last only a few hours. This compelled Springfield to connect their water mains with all the accessible ponds and vakes outside the city, which is expected to give a sufficient supply to tide over upon. For winter to set in with such a lack of water would be the most unfortunate event ever known to its history.

When Henry H. Richardson, father of triplets following three twinstraights at Providence, R. I., told newspaper man that the "H." in his name must stand for "Hooray!" he showed he was a joker and an optimist, if an everyday workingman.

The London doctor who says man has more organs than he needs, ought also to know that if it did not cost so much to get rid of the smallest of them, they would have to go.

Now that an epidemic of matrimony is said to be sweeping ever the country bachelors should have a care. It something more than vaccina-

tion to make one immune. Happy thought for today: If people could loss other undesirable qualities as easy as they can lose their tempers, what a fine world this would be

FOREIGN BAN ON RED CROSS STAMPS

Looked at rationally it is not sur prising that foreign governments do not honor the Red Cross stamp, although they recognize the value of the charity. Clerks handling the mails have to do so with despatch and there is every feason why there should be no business stamps appended which may confuse them or be mistaken for something else. This is undoubtedly the reason Germany requires that the stamp shall be put upon the back and not upon the face of the mailed letter or package.

ter or package It can readily be conceived that some other organization might resort to a similar scheme, or that the get-rich-quick schemers might avail themselves of a little joker of false pretence to beat thousands out of the people, hence every government, even this, may have to put the ban upon this method of raising funds for the

public benefit and protection.

We know and our government knows what the Red Cross stamp is, and the people are going to buy those 50,000,000 during the present month. This stamp is just as applicable to all packages expressed or sent by mes-

CURING A DANGEROUS HABIT. carrying of concealed weapons must have the desired effect. To make law effective the punishment must be un-inviting. Last week, Judge Foster of the Monmouth county court sentenced one man to a year in the state prison for this offense, and on Tuesday last he sent another to the same place for three years for the same crime. In ond case the lawbreaker was particularly quarrelsome and danger-ous, and the court gave him the full

This habit is prevalent in quite a number of countles and heavy sentences everywhere mark the deter-mination to break it up. Viewing these cases, it is not likely that the culprits will on coming out of prison feel like resuming the hip-pocket pis-tol habit. It costs too much if caught.

#### REBATE OR GRAFT.

The Holyoke Telegram must be ac orded commendation for the presistent way in which it looks after the municipal administration in the inexposed a rotten ice monopoly which, involves the whole city administration it brings out the following comparison which either mirrors stupidity or

"The treasurer's books and the vonchers and bills on file in his office, show that between the dates Septem-ber 16 and October 30, 1907, the fire commissioners spent \$1,940 for fire hose without advertising for proposals or giving any other concern than the

"The fire commissioners of Holyoke paid \$1,940 for 2,000 feet of fire hose from the Combination Ladder company of Providence, R. I.

"The Springfield fire department purchased 3,050 feet of fire hose at a cost of \$1,895.70, as compared with the

\$1,940 that the Holyoke department It is not probable that two persons paid for \$2,000 feet, or less than two-so closely allied to the doctor have thirds of the length of hose that the ever made these statements. It looks Springfield department secured for its

A glance at this comparison shows that the buyers were either gouged or given a rebate for the trade.

ssor Upton of Brown university tie a cord around his left forefinger.

gent readers should not be puzzled to Constitution that the carly Christmas decide which opinion is the more relia- | shoppers be called the "Joy-shoppers! A dozen or more of the new fall

and there is not the slightest fear that ball. There is nothing killing about them If Commander Peary and his friends

are to be believed, Dr. Cook has no rights that any white man is bound to respect.

The Chicago professor who says

that "he just loves to sew buttons on his pants." lets his love run in a use-It beats all what an amount of

gloom a few thousands of striking switchmen can cast over a great coun-

It has not been settled yet whether the classic Thanksgiving proclamation Norwich which have never gone dry of the governor of Vermont was origin the memory of man that are flow nal or stolen.

> state prison for stealing 72 cents from a railway station. That was hardearned money. If the Garden of Eden should be

discovered, it is doubtful if it would make a good dahl'a patch or chrysanthemum plantation. Cuba will stand for peace when

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

#### OF ALL SAD WORDS

Twilight, long, wavering shadows, farkness, and night had drawn her starry curtains over the mountain of Inverness. Up from the valley, far beyond the blue-ridged hills, swept the glorious white moon with her long train of radiant courtiers, casting wonderful silver flagree over the thick foliage of the grand old oaks and siender pines, lonely sentinels on the mountain side, sailing up, up, until she rested over the wooded heights of Inverness.

The swift, sharp clatter of a horse's hoofs rang out on the summer night, now slow and cautious as a dangerous bend in the mountain was reached, now fast and brave as the road ran

now fast and brave as the road ran evenly along.

But the black horse and its rider were not the only ones abroad that night in the mountains. Up a narrow rocky path to an overhanging cliff, where one would scarcely imagine a bird could stand in safety, a girl, darkhaired and siender, climbed with ease and grace and shading her eyes with her hand gazed far down the steep incline.

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For a short distance nothing was visible but the winding silver road and the moonlit woods, but further down the black horse and its rider pounded along in a cloud of dust.

The girl stood for an instant, pensive, thoughtful, poised like a great white bird on the mountain's peak; then, with that graceful carelessness inherited by every child of the mountain, she descended the rocky path, leaping lightly from crag to crag and running swiftly until she reached the tiny veranda of her home, breathless but happy, for it was to her the black horse was bringing its rider, she a child of the mountain, he a descendant of an old and noble race. Another moment and the horse of midnight hue stood at the foot of the garden.

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From her retreat on the veranda Irene Valdemar watched its rider alight and come swiftly up the path, and although she appeared to be unaware of his presence, her eyes, deep and dark as a starless night amarently fixed on the silver crested peaks of the mountain, she was in reality admiring the dark, handsome southerner, Richard Lee, who had so strangely come into her life.

A hunting expedition in the mountains, losing his way in the thick wood and seeking shelter at the Valdemar cabin, was the beginning of their acquaintance, and Richard Lee suddenly discovered that the mountains in the springtime were far more

tains in the springtime were far more beautiful than the gay, stifling city, and he had lingered in the valley of

and he had lingered in the valley of diverness, riding every evening on his horse that rivalled the darkness of the night up the steep incline to the home of the fair Irene.

Tonight she waited for him just as she had waited so often since the eventful evening that the dark handsome stranger had knocked lightly at the door seeking the hospitality that is so freely effered in the mountains. Many castles in the air had the fancy of the little mountain girl reared since then, and always in her freams she was Irene the princess and Richard her adoring prince.

But tonight there was something wrong, something she could not de-

wrong, something she could not de-fine in his usual happy, careless spirit. A grim sense of foreboding seemed to

or given a rebate for the trade. The difference in the cost is so small that explanations are not likely to fig.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The reader who is likely to forget to do Christmas shopping early might tie a cord around his left foreinger.

It is now proposed by the Atlanta Constitution that the carly Christmas shoppers be called the "Joy-shoppers!"

man at large, having been elected to succeed the late Governor George L. Lilley, wants to represent his home district for various reasons—principally because the "at large" congressman is essentially a sort of fifth wheel, with little or no influence in the distribution of patronage. The major's boom for the Second district nomination was properly inflated Monday night at a dinner given to the republican state committee and a number of other influential party workers in the Gradu-blanks will be on 4500 reams of reaser. committee and a number of other in-fluential party workers in the Gradu-ates' club, New Haven, and the fight may now be considered in progress, with Uncle Nehmiah as an interested innocent bystander.—Hartford Post.

That Taft Portrait for Yale.

Yale will not have a portrait of President Taft if it depends upon the Marquise Cecilie de Wentworth of New York and Paris. This artist was commissioned to paint a likeness of the president for Yale. Lee McClung of New Haven, the new treasurer of the United States, undertook to arrange the matter at the White house. He was unable to make any appointment for the Marquise de Wentworth, according to report. It was said that the president was too busy to give sittings to the marquise.

According to gossip, the president's refusal was due to a report that reached him some time ago of a misunderstanding between the marquise and Henry White, American ambassador at Paris. In some way Mr. White is said to have incurred the displeasure of the artist, who is reported to have entirelised the ambassador with a That Taft Portrait for Yale.

ure of the artist, who is reported to have criticised the ambassador with a freedom which was very distasteful to him. White is said to have reportto him. White is said to have reported the incident to Washington, and
when the president heard about it he
is reported to have declined Mr. McClung's request made in behalf of his
alma mater, and, incidentally, of the
Marquise de Wentworth.—Washington
Despatch to the Hartford Courant.

Cuba will stand for peace when Uncle Sam has a cellar and chain attached to both factions and has them permanently tied up.

The atlanta man who kicks his wife out of bed every morning ought to resort to some other exercise for a little while, to give his partner a rest.

The Ohio girl who sold ten pounds of love letters to the rag man did not know how to keep a secret. She may have received a special price.

The old Cannon inquisition-committeemen must be feeling that their chances for dirty work were never showing a brighter prospect than now.

The Western Union Telegraph company stretched 139 miles of new wire in this state last year, showing that extension is still possible and profitable.

When Ketchum Found the Lord. The story of old man Ketchum—James N. Ketchum of Hartford, Sullican counts—which the Rev. Mr. Waugh of Monticello, uses effectively in his exhortations, is rather unusual. Mr. Ketchum never "found the Lord" until at the age of \$5 years he was thrown from a load of feed down as fifty-foot embankment. His skull was cracked and his neck was permanently deformed so that he could not turn his head. Physicians could do nothing for his neck, but he immediately sought and found religion. Shortly after-thances for dirty work were never showing a brighter prospect than now.

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The Second District Contest.

The campaign for Uncle Nehemiah Sperry's congressional gaiters, in the Second Connecticut district, is evidently on in earnest, and the fight is going to be between Major John Q. Tilson of New Haven and Colonel "Andy" N. Shepard of Portland, former senator from the Thirty-fourth district and a present member of Governor Weeks staff.

At a banquet given in Colonel Shepard's honor last week his congressional boom was formally launched, and the argument put forth that it is high time the congressional nomination came to the Middleaex county section of the district, New Haven county having monopolized it for more than a generating. It is generally understood, and on the authority of Congressman Sperry himself, that the present inconvention is the candidate, which leaves the field open and clear for whosoever will enter the lists.

Major Tilson, who is now congress-London's Lead in Birth Rate.

valley, there, according to an old legend, the fairles danced at midnight in the meon's white light, appeared as a flood of silver, and the night rang with the sweet faraway echo of bird symphony in the moonlit woods.

Kichard was the first to break the silence. He drew a tiny lavender note from bis pocket and tapped it lightly. "I must return," he said briefly, and then six pped as if expecting the girl to questim him further.

But the pride of a hundred Valdemars had risen at the sight of the lavender note. He was returning at the command of the writer of that note, she determined, probably some night to amuse the same high bred lady with the tale of his summer adventure, the simple child of the mountain who dared to dream that one day the lordly Richard Lee might make her his bride and take her to his beautiful home in the city, thus becoming a part of the world stretching far beyond the endless purple mountains. But that was over and done with now; never by look or word must he know that she cared. She owed that to the fierce warlike pride of the Valdemars, who for centuries had reigned in the mountains of inverness.

"I shall miss the mountains," he began rather weakly, "and..."

"Yes?" she interrupted. The voice was careless, indifferent, every trace of feeling carefully masked on the lovely face, clear and pale as exquisite cameo.

He stared sharply at her for a mement, striving to pierce the disguise, here the stared sharply at her for he mement, striving to pierce the disguise, here the

He stared sharply at her for a me he stared sharply at her for a me-ment, striving to pierce the disguise. If disguise there were. She bore the scrutiny well. Never would the lady of the lavender note curve her perfect lips in scorn at the presumption of a mountain girl to aspire to his love.

"Then you do not care?"

For an instant the abruptness of the question caused her to nearly lose the self-control she had battled for so bravely, but again the pride of the Valdemars rose up fierce and war-

turned, coldly. Then, almost harshly, 'No!"

Again his eyes, stern, thoughtful,
gray, sought her face, striving to batter down the barriers of her pride, but
the heavy lashes fell over the clear,
unshadowed eyes, hiding the fires that
blazed in their midnight depths.

The simple India muslin of her
gown might have been shimmering
sath, the beads twisted around the
slender white column of her throat
priceless diamonds, the mountain laurel twined in the heavy dark waves of
her hely a coronet worth a king's ransom, and Irene Valdemar might have
been a reigning empress, so reguly
haughty she appeared as she gave him
her hand in silent farewell.

It all seemed a part of an unhappy
dream as she watched him go swiftly
down the path. Without a backward
glance he leaped to his horse, and
horse and rider went dashing down
the mountain and out of her life forever.

Late in the autumn fires blazed all

Late in the autumn, fires blazed all over the mountain of inverness, burning the leaves and brush that had accumulated. A rough mountaineer, finding a tiny lavender note among a pile of leaves, picked it up and glanced at it carelessly. "Richard, dear." it read, "mother is vary ill. Come immediately. Helen."

The note had no significance for the mountaineer and he tassed it back

A grim sense of foreboding seemed to have enveloped them both, and they sat for many minutes, neither speakant the finding leaves. For an instant it quivered like a thing alive, then burst into fiame and lay in a heap of ashes, a tiny memorial to the ty of a dream, the air was heavy with the breath of honeysuckle, the little have been. Boston Post.

people next spring. But that 9,000,000 blanks will be on 4,500 reams of paper and weigh 234,000 pounds, without considering the ink. The cost of the considering the ink. The cost of the blanks for farms in full is set at \$13.-660, which means nearly \$1,500 a million. The press in the government printing office on which the farm blanks will be printed makes 9,000 revolutions an hour when very busy, and as four blanks are printed at a time the product should, be \$5,000 an

The new mayor of Vaparaiso dis-tributed three tons of candy to the children of his balliwick. Probably he had to kiss 'em during the campaign, and wants to get even.—Cleveland leader. Surest Way of Getting Even.

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